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Welfare Committee. As I have indicated, I am more than willing to amend that to another committee if Senator Cullan feels that his committee simply does not have the time to address this issue.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: I would rise to oppose Senator Fowler's motion for a couple of reasons. One, I think this Legislature has spent a great deal of time, a great deal of money and has thoroughly discussed this issue, that it should be disposed of in its present form, and if there are changes to be made, they should come back subsequently at another bill at another hearing, but more than that. Three years ago Federal Trade Commission held a hearing in Chicago relative to this. They asked for people to offer to testify at that hearing and I made that offer, but I made the rather grave mistake of pointing out that Nebraska statutes covered most of what those hearing issues would be and that I was in opposition to what the FTC was proposing, so quite naturally, my invitation was withdrawn. But the thing I mostly enjoyed about their proposal, and if you look at that proposed hearing three years ago, the opening line of their total proposal for hearing on this was, state laws to the contrary, notwithstanding, this is how the FTC is going to do it. Now if you need more of their kind of help, the largest, most abusive, most regulatory agency in Washington, if this is the kind of help you are looking for, let's adjourn sine die and go home. This kind of help we do not need. Please don't do me any more favors. State laws to the contrary, notwithstanding, and we are going to start subscribing to that philosophy in this Chamber. I oppose Senator Fowler's motion. I say, let's proceed in the name of logic to dispose with what we have heard and what we have disposed of and let any subsequent changes be made subsequently.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would oppose returning the bill to committee. I think that there are some things in the bill which are consumer oriented that I think need to be processed and I see no reason to hold this bill up. I think we can advance it, and if other amendments are attempted and they fail, that is the process that we go through. I don't see a reason to return it to committee. If Senator Chambers feels strongly enough about this issue, he can introduce a new bill next session. I do not think that there is any reason